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Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

THE returns of the British General Elections have demonstrated the political acumen of the bookmakers but not of the political scientists, who once again will have to change their statistical methods. A swing of two per cent in favour of the Conservatives would mean a majority of one hundred in Parliament they predicted: three per cent would be a landslide, decimating Labour. As it happened, there was a switch of four per cent, but no landslide whatsoever. Such minor points apart, little remains to be said about the elections: foreign affairs played no sizeable part in the elections, Lord Woolton epitomized the situation quite correctly when he said that ordinarily people do not care so much for the major issues in policy: the Tory government was judged on its record, and its record was found to be satisfactory, what with full employment, high wages and so on.

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BUT will this strain of luck continue? Many observers contend that it will not. The British trade gap has widened, gold reserves have fallen, difficulties are ahead in the Lancashire textile industries, and elsewhere a railway strike is on hand. A major crisis, in short, may be in the offing, and the Conservative leadership should not be envied. Their critics maintain that in a period of stress (which some expect for this autumn) they would forget all they learned from Keynes about modern capitalism, be unable to intervene in time, and turn again into "bad old Tories." Well, it remains to be seen: probably there will be difficult days ahead for the new Government and there will be a drop in its popularity. There can be little doubt that the elections took place at the best possible moment from the point of view of the Conservatives. As it is, they received a vote of confidence, which, however, hardly anybody will interpret as reason for over-confidence.

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EVEN so, Labour will need a very thorough ideological and organizational overhaul to be able to compete with their rivals. Much depends now on the speed of their recovery, and there is, of course, a distinct danger that in a party condemned to more years in opposition there will be much frustration, and there may be a trend towards demagogy rather than becoming an effective alternative to the ruling party. On domestic issues, the differences of opinion between the Labour majority and the Bevanites are not so very great. Apart from a certain radicalism, the latter have not much to offer: radicalism in itself is surely not reprehensible and it may even be a good thing, provided that it is not exclusively emotional and very vague if one comes down to facts.

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AS things are, the more perspicacious spirits in the Labour Party have for some years now reached the conclusion that the whole Party urgently needs some hard thinking and fresh approach which will lead it beyond the stage of the Welfare State. The easy and spectacular things by way of nationalization etc., mostly have been done, as C.A.R. Crosland noted in the "New Fabian Essays": Those that remain will need a prolonged and difficult effort of will. The temper of the people is more conservative. In this situation, there is little sense in bewailing the good old days and wishing back the enthusiasm of the "Clarion" and Keir Hardie: they would simply be lost in the world of 1955. In foreign affairs, the Bevanites have again given some advice. Whether it has been very helpful and constructive is a moot question, and it would be interesting to see what would remain of Mr. Bevan's slogans if he were faced with political realities as Foreign Secretary. What would he reply, for instance, when told by Mr. Khrushchev that all the unfortunate misunderstandings between Russia and the British Labour Party in the past have been the work of such scoundrels as Berja, and, say, Trotsky? There will be no need for him to reply for the next five years or so, but the Labour Party will need unity, vision and drive much before 1960, and as of this moment, the end of the feuds and the beginning of a new era in party history is not yet in sight.

Jerusalem, May 29.

Soldier Wounded By Egyptian Mine; Patrol Attacked

A soldier was wounded early Friday morning when an Israel patrol car struck a mine while travelling along the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Line in the vicinity of Nirim in the Western Negev, the Army spokesman announced. An Army unit opened fire on an Egyptian position in the area.

An Egyptian position yesterday opened fire on an Israel patrol in the Kissufim area, the spokesman added. Israel forces silenced the Egyptian position with shell fire, and the patrol continued on its way without casualties.

BURNS IN DAMASCUS

General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, arrived in Damascus yesterday, for talks with the Syrian Chief of Staff, General Shawkat Shukeir. They conferred for more than an hour on armistice affairs and the detention of the four Israel soldiers in Damascus, NEABS reports.

General Burns is due back in Jerusalem tonight, according to the U.N. spokesman.

The spokesman added that last Thursday's Israel - Egyptian M.A.C. meeting had produced no decision and would be continued tomorrow. It was hoped that a meeting between Aluf-Mishne Arye Shalev, Staff Officer in charge of Armistice Commission Affairs, Colonel Salah Gohar, Senior Egyptian M.A.C. delegate, and General Burns would now take place on Friday to continue the discussions on the local Commanders agreement.

MARAUDERS STEAL PIPES

MIGDAL ASHKELON, Saturday. — Arab infiltrators stole water pipes and irrigation accessories in the Mefalsim area on Thursday night. Their footsteps led to the Gaza Strip border. (Itim)

Rail Strike Faces New British Gov't

LONDON, Saturday. — The newly strengthened Conservative Government and trade union leaders made desparate efforts today to forestall a national rail strike due to break out at midnight.

Officials representing some 70,000 engine drivers and firemen said, "The strike (for higher pay scales) is inevitable," and were already issuing strike pay cheques. A spokesman for the nationalized railways stated that the strike would be "disasterous."

This is particularly so as it occurs on Whitsun week-end, one of Britain's biggest travelling holidays. Four out of five trains on the national network would be halted and all passenger trains cancelled.

The rail strike threat comes on top of a crippling walk-out by 18,000 stevedores, now in its sixth day. Loading and unloading of some 200 ships was stopped today, or slowed down to a crate-an-hour pace in London, Manchester, Hull, Birkenhead and Liverpool.

Emergency Cabinet

The Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, was at his office throughout today, and kept in continuous touch with the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. Last night, three hours after his party was swept back into power, Sir Anthony summoned a meeting of the Cabinet to discuss the labour crisis.

On Thursday, stevedore leaders agreed to call on their men to return to work pending negotiations. But in Manchester and Liverpool, the back-to-work recommendation was unanimously turned down at noisy meetings. *(Reuter, UP)*

PINAY TO ITALY

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay flew to Rome today on his way to Messina, Sicily, to attend the six-nation European Coal and Steel Pool Conference on June 1.

Nationalist Gang War in Tunisia On Eve of Home Rule Agreement

TUNIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Tunisia's underground war between rival nationalist groups flared up today a few hours before the expected initialling in Paris of the final agreements granting home rule to the North African Protectorate.

The dissension between the moderates of the Neo-Destour nationalist party and the extremists of the Old Destour has arisen over what the diehards claim is a Neo-Destour "sell out" to the French for accepting something less than full independence.

A young mosque watchman, known for his opposition to the Neo-Destour, was killed by revolver shots in his room here last night. At Zafrane, in the Kef region, armed men attacked workers on a French farm and wounded one seriously. A Tunisian peasant was injured by rifle fire at Oued Zana, also in the Kef area.

Office Bombed

A Neo-Destour party office was wrecked in a bomb attack in what was believed to be retaliation for the murder of a member of the Executive Committee of the Old Destour.

The growing unrest is casting a shadow over the widespread feeling of satisfaction here at the conclusion of the long-drawn-out home-rule negotiations.

M. Edgar Faure and Tahar Ben Ammar, the French and Tunisian Premiers, are expected to initial the agreements in Paris tonight. They provide autonomy for the territory.

A tumultuous reception is being planned here for Habib Bourguiba, the Neo-Destour leader, who is due back on Wednesday after three years' exile in France.

Salah Ben Yussef, Secretary-General of the party, who earlier had criticized the Franco-Tunisian negotiations as merely confirming the *status quo*, is also expected to return home soon after a long exile in Geneva and Cairo. He sent a message to the Neo-Destour today giving the assurance that he would return to Tunisia to work for the unity of the party and the country.

The strong French security force which had maintained order during the troubled times in Tunisia was being gradually reduced to reinforce the army engaging the rebels in neighbouring Algeria, where several murders and acts of arson have been committed in the past two days.

100,000 Not Enough

The French have said that even a 100,000-strong security force might not be sufficient to meet the hit-and-run tactics of the rebels who swoop on isolated farms and villages in surprise raids and disappear before troops can arrive.

In reply to strong pressure from French settlers, both M. Faure, and Interior Minister Maurice Bourges Maunoury, at present touring the country, have agreed to the formation and arming of vigilantes. But they have both insisted on the need for proper control and leadership of such self-protection bands.

French newspapers today reported that funds for the Algerian terrorists were being supplemented by a "protection racket" operated by some of the thousands of North Africans in France against their wealthier countrymen. The reports claimed that Arab cafes had been sacked and their owners attacked in Paris and in Northern France for failure to give money to support the rebel movement.

Rearmament Bill Before Bundestag

BONN, Saturday. — West Germany's first rearmament bill was laid before parliament this morning, it was officially announced. Officials said that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer hoped to rush the bill through all stages in both Houses before the parliamentary summer recess on July 18.

The short bill enables the government to start enlisting the first of 150,000 volunteers who will furnish the long-term officers and n.c.o.'s for the planned 500,000 West German forces.

In West Berlin, Communists from the Soviet sector today tried to break up a rally of former members of the Third German Armoured Division. Police clashed with the demonstrators and blood flowed freely on both sides. Police cleared the area with their water cannon. *(Reuter, UP)*

CHINESE SHELL QUEMOY

TAIPEH, Saturday (Reuter). — The Nationalist Defence Ministry announced today that Chinese guns on Tateng Island fired 63 rounds against the Nationalist-held Quemoy Island, off the Fukien mainland coast. Tateng is a small island about three kms. south of Quemoy.

Conservatives 345, Labour 277; Lib. 6

LONDON, Saturday. — The Conservative Government was swept back into power on Thursday with its majority over the Labour Party increased from 18 to 68.

In the new 630-member House of Commons, five more than in the last House, there will be 345 Conservatives (a net gain of 23) 277 Labour (net loss 17) and six Liberals (no change). Sinn Fein (Irish Republicans) gained two seats, obtaining representation for the first time; the Irish Nationalists lost both their seats and the sole Irish Labour Member was not re-elected. The Communists failed to restore Members, most candidates polling less than one-eighth of the vote, forfeiting their deposits.

Total votes cast for the parties in the 630 constituencies with their percentages of the total poll (corresponding figures for the 1951 election in brackets).

Conservatives 13,340,128 — 49.85 per cent (13,718,069) — 47.97 p.c.).

Labour 12,421,162 — 46.42 per cent (13,949,105 — 48.78 p.c.).

Liberals 717,326—2.68 per cent (730,552 — 2.4 p.c.).

Communists 33,154 — 0.12 per cent (21,640 — 0.08 p.c.).

The only prominent Members defeated were Sir Richard Acland, Mr. Michael Foot and Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, all Labour back-benchers. Sir Richard Acland, who resigned his Gravesend seat shortly before the dissolution of the House, to fight a by-election on the sole issue of his opposition to manufacture of the hydrogen bomb, split the Labour vote with Mr. Victor Mishcon, letting in the Conservative candidate.

Among the Jewish M.P.'s re-elected, all Labour were Messrs. Barnett Janner (whose son Greville lost his first campaign), Emanuel Shinwell, David Weitzmann, Sidney Silverman, Julius Silverman, Maurice Edelman, Maurice Orbach and Ian Mikardo (the latter's majority shrunk to 238).

Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid won the newly created constituency of Walsall West for the Conservatives.

Twenty-four women were returned — 14 Labour and 10 Conservative. There were 17 women in the last House.

One newly elected M.P. will not be allowed to take his seat as he is in prison. He is Mr. M. Mitchell, Sinn Fein, which advocated the unification of Ireland, by force if necessary.

He beat the Ulster Unionist candidate by 260 votes. Mr Mitchell is in prison for taking part in a raid on the police barracks at Armagh.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, increased his majori-

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Nine Killed In Riots In Cameroons

DUALA, French Cameroons, Saturday (UP). — The French authorities yesterday called for armed reinforcements to help restore order in the French Cameroons after five days of riots in which nine persons were killed, 40 injured and scores arrested.

The police said that the riots started last Sunday when a group of persons, apparently belonging to the Communist-led Cameroons Peoples Union, attacked a small police post, severely wounding several African guards.

Ike Urges Immigration Rules Relaxation

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today asked Congress to relax immigration restrictions to admit more refugees to the U.S. In a special message he proposed 10 changes in the 1953 Refugee Relief Act.

Should his proposals be accepted, refugees will be admitted to the country if sponsored by voluntary welfare agencies, doing away with the present individual sponsorship and guarantees. Medical standards will be relaxed.

IRAN ASSURES JEWS

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — The Persian Minister of Interior in a statement to the Majlis has reaffirmed that minorities who practise Zoroastrianism, Judaism of Christianity will enjoy complete freedom and respect within the framework of the law, Teheran Radio has reported.

The statement was part of a report to the Majlis on the proscription of the Bahais.

According to the latest available figures the Jewish community of Persia numbers 75,000, of whom more than half live in Teheran.

Burmese Premier Arriving Today On State Visit

By MARLIN LEVIN

A dramatic gesture of friendship for the State of Israel will be made this evening by the Union of Burma when its 47-year-old Prime Minister, U Nu, flies into Lydda Airport for a seven-day visit, the first on a scheduled round-the-world tour.

This gesture was underlined last night with the report that he has cancelled his three-day stop-over in Cairo at the request of the Egyptian Government. This follows vain attempts by the Arabs to influence U Nu to cancel his visit to Israel. According to the Near East Arab Broadcasting Station, the Burmese Government replied that as arrangements had already been made for the journey to Israel they could not be altered.

From Israel, U Nu, will go on to Yugoslavia, Britain, the U.S. and Japan.

Among the highlights of the state visit here will be the state banquet on Monday in Jerusalem; a procession down Allenby Road in Tel Aviv on Tuesday; a tour of the Jordan Valley on Wednesday, and a visit to the Negev on Saturday including a call on Defence Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, at Sde Boker.

During his visit to Israel U Nu will be accompanied by Mr. Michael Elitzur, as personal assistant, and Sgan-Aluf Shaul Ramati, as A.D.C. The Premier's wife, who speaks only Burmese, will be accompanied by Mrs. Sima Stockfish of Haifa, who was born in Mandalay.

Hacohen Returns

For a large part of the trip, Mr. David Hacohen will be with the party. Mr. Hacohen, who was Israel's first Minister to Rangoon and who has now completed a tour of duty of 18 months, said on his arrival at Lydda Airport on Thursday that "the inauguration of an Israel Legation in Burma opened new horizons for us and helped establish good relations with Burma."

A few hours after his arrival, Mr. Hacohen, meeting the Press in Jerusalem, spoke at length of the favourable impression made upon him by U Nu whom he regarded as one of the outstanding men of Asia, second only to Mr. Nehru.

U Nu was spearheading Burma's progress in all fields, and was developing a welfare state, Mr. Hacohen said. He was therefore greatly interested in Israel, especially after receiving glowing reports of Burmese delegations to this country.

He was sure that trade would increase between the two countries culminating in a commercial agreement.

Mr. Hacohen said that he had not once spoken to U Nu on the matter of mediation between Israel and the Arab states. He also said that the Burmese Premier appeared to have been shocked by the anti-Israel sentiment expressed by the Arabs at the Bandung conference.

Regarding relations with China, Mr. Hacohen expressed the belief that Peking would send a trade delegation here.

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'Joke' if Arab League Boycotts Burma

The Jordan newspaper "Falastin" yesterday called reports of the Arab League Secretariat's threat to boycott Burma because of her Premier's visit to Israel "ridiculous." Such a move against "a great Asian power" is a "joke," the paper pointed out.

Burma does not supply Israel with any vital commodities, but on the contrary, makes purchases in Israel, it said, adding that the League should confine its boycott activities against the big powers which supply Israel.

Urge Continued U.S. Mid-East Army Aid

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Assistant Secretary for Defence Struve Hensel told Congress that he definitely believed military aid to Middle East nations should be continued to any strategic locality which had stood against Communism.

He was appearing before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to urge approval of President Eisenhower's $3,538m. global foreign aid programme. (Some Congressmen have echoed Israel demands that the U.S. should stop its military aid to Arab states.)

The committee yesterday approved the Foreign Aid Bill. Included in the bill was a special $200m. fund for regional economic development in Asia.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hensel, Assistant Secretary and a target of Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the Army-McCarthy hearings last year, resigned yesterday for "personal and financial reasons."

BRITISH WARSHIPS TO VISIT ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — A British naval squadron will visit Alexandria from June 2 to 6, the first goodwill visit by the Royal Navy since the Anglo-Egyptian crisis of 1951 and the signing of the Suez Canal agreement between the two countries last year.

Russia Accepts Top-Level Talks

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Foreign Office said yesterday that the British, French and U.S. governments were in consultation on the time and place of a Big Four meeting and hope to put specific suggestions to Russia shortly.

A spokesman said that Britain was "very glad" to note that the Soviet Government had now formally agreed to an early meeting of the heads of government "the nature of which the three Western governments had proposed."

The Soviet acceptance of the Western proposal came on Thursday in a Note handed to the U.S., British and French envoys in Moscow. It charged that the U.S. was trying to exert "inadmissible pressure" on the conference.

Russia proposed that the meeting be held in Vienna, while the West had suggested Lausanne. A likely compromise is now thought to be Stockholm.

Soviets Talk Of Harnessing H-Energy

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Moscow Radio disclosed for the first time today that Soviet scientists are trying to harness the power of the hydrogen bomb for industrial development.

It said that if the hydrogen atom can be tamed, man could travel to the furthest stars, and the space ship "would become a reality." The broadcast of a talk by Prof. M. Pokrovsky gave no hint how far the Soviets have progressed with their research. The West has never indicated its plans.

He stated that Soviet researchers are engaged in some experimenting in the use of the H-bomb for blasting dams and canals, and in mining.

In Washington, it was said that the use of hydrogen energy for blasting purposes ignores the danger of long-term radioactive contamination of the explosion sites, and that the big difficulty—ignored in the Moscow broadcast — is that the unbridled violence of an atomic explosion is needed to trigger H-bomb materials.

Jordan Gov't Resigns

AMMAN, Saturday (UP).—The Cabinet of Prime Minister Tewfik Abul Huda, which has been in office for nearly seven months, decided to resign today, after a 90-minute emergency session.

It was recalled that last week Minister of Justice Haza'i Majali resigned following a dispute with other Ministers.

MALIK RESIGNS AS LEBANESE ENVOY IN U.S.

The Lebanese Government has accepted the resignation of its Ambassador to Washington and senior U.N. delegate, Dr. Charles Malik, according to NEABS yesterday. He is to resume lecturing at the American University in Beirut.

AGED WOMAN, BABY KILLED ON ROADS

RISHON LEZION, Saturday.—Mrs. Frieda Palmer, 79, was knocked down and killed by a lorry on the main road here yesterday. The driver, Rahamim Elkayam, was detained by the police.

Two-year-old Bella Parhut was knocked down and fatally injured by a passing taxi near her home at Maon Dov on Mt. Carmel on Thursday night. She died the next morning at the Rambam Hospital. The driver, Sandor Schwarz, was released on bail.

YOUTH DROWNS IN JORDAN

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — The season's first drowning occurred in the Jordan River today, when Avishai Avitan Gloko, 18, of Kibbutz Neve Ur in the Jordan Valley, drowned two kilometres north of his settlement. His body was carried northward by the current and has not yet been found. It is believed that it has been washed to the eastern shore held by Jordan.

KILLED IN FIGHT FOR REVOLVER

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — An argument over a revolver led to the death of Yosef Kaplan, 18, of nearby Moshav Beit Shikma, two days ago. He had found a revolver in his cousin's room here and was playing with it, when the owner's son entered and tried to stop him. A tussle ensued and a bullet was discharged entering Kaplan's head. He died on the way to hospital.

Tito Repels Soviet Offer To Join East European Bloc

Frigid Opening to Talks

BELGRADE, Saturday. — Secret talks on world affairs between Russian leaders headed by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and Premier Nikolai Bulganin and President Tito's Government, continued for the second day today in what was regarded as the end of the formal phase of the meetings between the two Communist states.

The talks began after the arrival of the Soviet delegation on Thursday. A communique last night said merely that "an exchange of opinions took place about the international situation and about relations between Yugoslavia and the U.S.S.R."

Official word was lacking, but informed opinion was that President Tito had turned down the Russian urgings for Yugoslavia to take her place with the Eastern bloc. It was said the Yugoslavs had replied that they were determined to pursue a policy of "active coexistence" independent of both East and West.

Observers stated that the talks had begun in a frigid atmosphere after the remarks of Mr. Khrushchev on his arrival, suggesting an approach as between two Communist Parties. When Mr. Khrushchev arrived here, he blamed the executed Soviet secret police chief, Lavrenti Beria, for the "darkened relations" between the two countries since 1948. Members of the Yugoslav press laughed openly when Beria's name was mentioned, but President Tito kept his face impassive.

A few hours before the delegation arrived, it was disclosed that Yugoslavia had accepted an invitation to send a parliamentary delegation to Russia, at a date not yet fixed.

The truth of the informed leaks appeared to be established by the gloom of the Russian delegates when they arrived today for lunch at the headquarters of the Yugoslav Cabinet.

Future of Germany

Foreign observers said that President Tito would be willing to sign a document setting forth the principles of "active coexistence" for the settling of world problems. It was also stated that the two sides were to discuss the future of Germany but that Marshal Tito would reject the idea that Germany should be "neutralized."

The Russians are expected to tour the provinces as well as the capital after the week-end.

Meanwhile, Gen. Constantin Dovas, Chief of the Greek General Staff, now on a 10-day visit at the head of a military delegation, yesterday watched exercises of the Yugoslav Army near Sarajevo, Bosnia. *(U.P., Reuter)*

Probe Shows Bomb Downed Indian Plane

HONG KONG, Saturday (Reuter).—The Government announced yesterday that it had every reason to believe that the bomb which had wrecked the Indian airliner, Kashmir Princess, carrying Chinese officials to the Bandung conference, was planted in the plane in Hong Kong.

The statement was made today soon after the announcement of the findings of an Indonesian commission of inquiry that the crash, in which 15 persons died on April 11 was caused by a time bomb hidden in the well for the retractable wheel, in the plane's wing.

The Government said all arrangements for servicing and refuelling the plane and for the transport of the passengers had been investigated, and "every effort would be made to ascertain the facts." Police also supported the belief the bomb was planted while the aircraft was at an airfield here.

Indonesian Inquiry

The Indonesian announcement said an inspection of the wreckage revealed positive evidence of the explosion of a time bomb, parts of which were found. The inquiry was conducted by Indonesia because the plane crashed in Indonesian waters.

In New Delhi, newspapers quoted a "high authority" reporting that a Chinese, alleged to be implicated in the sabotage of the Air India plane, had escaped to Formosa.

The official Peking "People's Daily" today expressed satisfaction with the "responsible attitude" taken by the Hong Kong authorities over the plane disaster, and blamed "Chiang Kai-shek agents" for planting the bomb.

S. AFRICAN ASSEMBLY PASSES SENATE BILL

CAPETOWN, Saturday (Reuter). — The House of Assembly gave a second reading last night to the Nationalist Government's controversial bill to enlarge the Senate as a means of removing mixed race voters from the common electoral roll. The bill was approved by 91 votes to 61.

CHINESE RELEASE BRITISH PRISONER

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Robert Webster Ford, British subject, a radio operator who was imprisoned by the Chinese in 1950 on espionage charges, was released and deported today before completing his prison sentence in view of "his expressed regret for his crimes," the New China News Agency announced.

Diem Attack Delayed By 'Stab in Back'

SAIGON, Saturday. — Ngo Dinh Diem, Prime Minister of South Vietnam, is due today to launch an all-out offensive against the "united front" of two private nationalist armies in southwest Vietnam — unless he is deterred by threat of a rear attack by the third private army, the Cao Dai.

The 15,000 troops of the Cao Dai sect, who came over to Mr. Diem's side in the Saigon battle two months ago, are now menacing him from the North because of a disagreement over soldiers' pay. They clashed with the national army in a 45-minute skirmish on Thursday night.

Mr. Diem has an army of 24,000 regulars in the field ready to drive to the South when his ultimatum demanding that the united front come to terms expires today.

But meanwhile, General Tran Van Soai, commander of the Hoa Hao rebel sect, today issued a counter-ultimatum threatening that unless the Government withdraw its troops within 24 hours, renewed civil war will break out. *(Reuter, UP)*

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi received Professor and Mrs. A. Bertelsen at their home last Thursday. The visitors were introduced by Professor A. Tartakower.

President Ben-Zvi attended the Shavuot service at the Rehavia synagogue where he read *Maftir* and pronounced the traditional *birkat hagomel* on his safe return from his sea voyage.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were the guests of honour at a *kiddush* given on Shavuot at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chajuss and attended by a large number of distinguished guests. Pointing out that they had been neighbours for more than 30 years, the President congratulated Mr. Chajuss on the 65th anniversary of his arrival in Jerusalem.

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The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday received Miss Catherine Leuroot, who is visiting this country on behalf of the UNICEF. The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett on Friday entertained to tea Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leef, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salvage and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meltzer.

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The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. A. Abramov, attended a celebration on the 10th anniversary of V-E Day at the Windsor Hotel in Haifa last night under the auspices of the Israel-U.S.S.R. Friendship Movement.

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The Bulgarian Minister and Mrs. Zengulickov gave a reception in Tel Aviv on Thursday on the occasion of the Bulgarian cultural holiday.

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ARRIVALS: Professor M. Cohen, of the University of Montreal, for a three-week stay as guest of the U.J.A., the Jewish Agency and the Hebrew University; Professor Ernst Grunwald, of the University of Florida, to take up a position at the Weizmann Institute for one year; Mr. Henry A. Rocker, heading a group of U.J.A. workers from Cleveland, for a two-week visit; Dr. A. Carlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv," from Copenhagen, where he attended the convention of the International Press Institute.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Robert Kipputh, the noted American swimming coach, for the U.S. after inaugurating a special course for swimming coaches here.

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Friends and colleagues of Dr. Saul Adler, Professor of Parasitology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, gathered at a reception at the School on Wednesday evening to congratulate him on his 60th birthday.

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Dr Aryeh Dvoretzky, Professor of Mathematics at the Hebrew University, has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Science for 1956/7. The outgoing Dean of the Faculty is Professor Michael Even-Ari, Vice-President of the University.

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Professor and Mrs. Walter C. Lowdermilk gave a luncheon party last week for the wives of overseas members of Technion's Board of Governors at their home, 26 Panorama Road, Mt. Carmel, Haifa.

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A farewell party was given last week by the Board of the Bank Leumi in honour of the Bank's Secretary, Mr. Alexander Doron, who has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Bank's London office.

Mr. Dov Arnon has become Acting Secretary.

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The Italian Consul General in Jerusalem will be at home to the Italian Colony at Katamon on June 1, 1955, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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The Harvard Club of Israel will hold an informal gathering in honour of Professor Howard Mumford Jones, Dean of the Arts Faculty at Harvard University, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Machnes, 6 Tarsat Boulevard, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 p.m. today.

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A Fashion Show arranged by the Wizo, Tel Aviv, will be held at the Dan Hotel on Tuesday, May 31 at 4.30 p.m.

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BIRTH

YEKUTIEL. — To Margaret (nee Cairns), wife of Dr. Perez Yekutiel, Jerusalem, on May 26—a son.

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ENGAGEMENT

ELIACHAR-HURWITZ

Rina Eliachar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menache H. Eliachar, to Mr. Joseph Hurwitz of Wilkes Barre, Pa., U.S.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Zvi Avidov, of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, has been promoted from Lecturer to Associate Professor in Agricultural Entomology.

The following have been promoted from Instructor to Lecturer: Dr. William Zeev Low (Experimental Physics); Dr. Shalom Sarel (Organic Chemistry).

Dr. Eliahu Ashtor has been appointed Lecturer in Moslem History.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
May 29, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeal

Before Justices Silberg, Berinson and Witkon

Avraham Katzberg, Appellant, v. 1. Meir Radzowski, 2. Shlomo Ron, Respondents (C.A. 36/53 and C.A. 37/53).

Joint Owner Is Not 'Landlord'

The Court of Civil Appeal dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court sitting as a court of appeal, delivered on December 3, 1952, (C.A. 202, 204/51).

The appellant, Avraham Katzberg, is the joint owner of a flat which was requisitioned for the two respondents in two separate requisition orders according to the second of which one room of the whole requisitioned flat was requisitioned for the second respondent.

In May, 1950, Mr. Katzberg sent both respondents a "rent notice" according to Section 12(b) of the Emergency Land Requisition (Regulation) Law, 1949 (hereinafter the Law, notifying each of the respondents that the legal rent (the standard rent according to the Rent Restrictions Ordinance) for the flat is IL10 a month and demanding IL5 a month from each of the respondents.

The respondents paid no attention to this notice and continued depositing IL8 a month in a bank in payment of the rent for the whole flat — as they had done previously. Mr. Katzberg thereupon applied to the Magistrate's Court for an eviction order against them on the grounds that they had neither applied to a Rent Tribunal nor had they paid the legal rent, as demanded by the Law.

His application was dismissed both in the Magistrate's Court and in the Tel Aviv District Court sitting as a court of appeal.

In the Court of Civil Appeal, Mr. M. Caspi appeared for the appellant and Mr. Ginsburg for the respondents.

Judgment

In delivering the judgment of the Court of Civil Appeal, Justice Silberg dealt only with one point of controversy, which had come before the Justices only, leaving the remaining points, which had been dealt with by the District Court judges, open for further consideration should the opportunity arise. The point which occupied Justice Silberg's attention was the question of whether Mr. Katzberg should be regarded as the landlord of the flat since, according to Section 12(b) of the Law, only the landlord may send a tenant a "rent notice."

He pointed out that, according to the definition in the Law, "landlord" means "the person entitled to receive the rent" and "rent," in his opinion, means the whole rent, and not merely a portion of it. Since, therefore, there are two joint owners of the flat who are entitled to receive the rent, only both of them together — and not one without the knowledge of the other — are entitled to demand payment of rent from a tenant. This, Justice Silberg held, could be very easily established by reference to the Sections in the Mejelle which deal with partnership (in particular 1095, 1100, 1101, 1102). The rent, he continued, is clearly a "debt jointly owned" the full settlement of which, according to the Mejelle, one partner is not entitled to demand. A partner may demand only his share of the debt, but cannot collect the whole debt; and having received his share must then divide it with his partner, since Section 1101 of the Mejelle states that "whatever sum is received by one of the creditors in respect to a joint debt is jointly owned by him and the other creditors who are entitled to receive their share therefrom."

It was possible, Justice Silberg maintained, that Mr. Katzberg was not even "entitled to receive" his portion of the rent, in view of the above provisions of the Mejelle, but what was absolutely certain was that he was not "entitled to receive" the whole rent, and therefore could not be regarded as the landlord of the flat within the meaning of Section 12 of the Law. This being the case, the "rent notice" sent to the respondents had not been sent by the landlord of the flat and therefore could not serve as a ground for eviction from the flat according to Section 12(e) (1) of the Law.

Appeal dismissed and appellant ordered to pay IL75 costs to each respondent.

Judgment given on May 18, 1955.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
532, 340, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. 11.30 a.m. Turkish News.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Melodies (R). 9.00 Service from the Coptic Church, Jaffa. 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.20 Messages to Immigrants. 2.00 Songs of the People (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Vocal Recital: Margaretha Weidmann. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Folklore. 7.02 Kol Yisrael String Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger; Soloist: George Haas: Two Sea Sketches (Delius); Oboe Concerto (Boughton). 7.30 Talk. 7.40 What's New in Science. 7.55 Wells of Works. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Concert. 9.30 Round Table Discussion. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Frances de Bossi. 10.30 "Bon Bah" (R). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
497, 460, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. **French News:** 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Hebrew Lessons for Ulpanim. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.2 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.37 Personal Column. 6.45 Newsreel. 7.00 Yiddish Programme. 7.15 Close Down.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 Learn a Song. 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.) 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs (R). 7.00 Sports. 7.15 Intermezzo. 7.30 Flashlight. 7.45 Classical Requests. 8.30 News. 8.45 Variety Programme. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.95, 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Contact Programme: International Commentary.

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★ **Exhibitions:—**

Watercolours of wild plants by Ruth Coppel at Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue. 10-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition of the former Israel pavillion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XV-th centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

Abstract and Surrealist Art. Also Exhibition of Brazilian Architecture. Exhibit of the Month: "Yahuda-Haggada," illuminated Ashkenazic Passover Haggada. Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 3-6.

Paintings by Pinhas Abramovitz. 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Artists House.

★ **Lecture: —**

Dr. A. Leventin on "The International Jungle", Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Tours:—**

Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show: —**

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions: —**

1) Compositions for Murals and architectural works by S. Sebba, Museum, daily 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ **Theatre: —**

Cameri Theatre, "Casablan", Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets for May 1, 1955, are valid for this performance.

Cameri Theatre, "As You Like It," Cameri Theatre Hall, 8 p.m. Habimah, "King Lear", Habimah, 8 p.m. (For Workers).

Ohel, "Dangerous Corner" (For Electric Corporation Workers).

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**

Paintings of Flowers by Children, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 3-6.

Ceramics by Wolfgang Mayer-Michael, "Jugs in Different Moods." Traclyn Art Gallery, 6 Rehov Baerwald. 10-1, 4-7.

★ **Entertainment: —**

Flower Ball, Gan Ha'Em, Mt. Carmel, 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre: —**

Do Re-Mi, "Ball in Savoy," well-known operetta, Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

PARDESS HANNA

★ **Theatre:—**

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon", 8 p.m.

KIRYAT HAIM

★ **Theatre:—**

Cameri Theatre, "Pantomime" (Programme No. 2), 8 p.m.

— **Performance for the Army** —

★ **Theatre: —**

Ohel, "Shraga Feivush Goes to the Negev".

COMING EVENTS

HABIMAH

NEXT WEEK

May 30 — "The Tea House of the August Moon", Tel Aviv, 8 p.m.
— "King Lear", Herzlia, 8 p.m.
May 31 — "In the Plains of the Negev", Gala Performance in honour of the Burma Prime Minister and Mrs. Nu, under the patronage of the Mayor, Mr. H. Levanon; Tel Aviv, 8 p.m.
— "The Tea House of the August Moon" (for Rural Workers), Kiryat Haim, 8 p.m.
June 1 — "King Lear", Jerusalem, 9 p.m.
— "The Tea House of the August Moon", (for Rural Workers"), Kiryat Haim, 8 p.m.
June 2 — "King Lear", Tel Aviv, 8 p.m.
— "The Tea House of the August Moon", Jerusalem, 9 p.m.

Three Runners Crack 4-Min. Mile Together

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Three men, in a fantastic race, cracked the four-minute-mile at the White City Stadium here today. In a furious finish, Laszlo Tabori, of Hungary, lunged ahead in the final 30 yards to win in three minutes 59 seconds, beating Chris Chataway by six yards, with Bryan Hewson, inches away, both Englishmen clocking 3:59.8.

Tabori's time beat the time set by Roger Bannister, when he became the first man to beat the four-minute-mile with a time of 3:59.4, but not the current world record of 3:58.0 held by John Landy, of Australia.

The amazing race, which provided the first-time ever that three men had raced home in the mile in less than four minutes, was not run in perfect conditions. The heavy wet track must have added time to the three runners' efforts.

Avidan Clinches Two Titles at Haifa

HAIFA, Saturday. — Arieh Avidan of Tel Aviv, Israel's International men's Singles champion, gained the Israel title at the Carmel Court here today, when he beat Hanan Goldblatt, of Haifa, 7/5, 6/1, 6/1 in the finals. He also netted a second title when, with Deutsch, he won the men's doubles, beating Goldblatt and Joseph, also of Haifa, 6/1, 7/5, 6/3. Avidan was the best player during the five day tournament.

Mrs. Cohen Mintz, of Tel Aviv, retained the ladies Singles title by defeating Fichman, of Tel Aviv, 6/2, 6/3. Finberg beat Dr. Gottesman to take the veterans title, and Leibovitz won the youth title.

In State Cup football matches played here, Haifa Maccabi easily beat the Orthodox Club, a League C team, 9-0. Haifa Hapoel were awarded a 3-0 walkover against Jerusalem Maccabi, when the Capital's team did not turn up. Hapoel Haifa beat Mishmar Ha'Emek, 76-51, in a National Basketball League match.

Haifa Trade Unions' Teams at Sport

HAIFA, Saturday. — Haifa Trade Union sportsmen held their annual sports day here yesterday, in which teams of industrial plants participated in four sports contests.

In a lightning soccer tournament, in which 18 teams took part, Phoenicia beat P.E.C., 2-1, in the finals. The "glass men" also won the 4,400 metres relay race through the streets of Haifa in 18.4 minutes. Next were Hamashbir Hamercazi and the Post Office. Solel Boneh beat P.E.C. in the basketball finals, 26-18, and Supply Base 658 took first place in the volleyball championship.

The Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Almogi, received the 400 sportsmen at the Hapoel Stadium. The outstanding sportsman of the day was Ginsburg, of the P.E.C., who scored eight of his team's total of nine goals in the football competition. Several hundred spectators attended the day's sports.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.45 and 8.45 p.m.
ARNON: Adam and Evelyne.
EDEN: Valley of the Kings, 2nd week. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: The High and the Mighty, 3, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.
ORNA: Tulsa.
ORION: Romeo and Juliet.
ORGIL: Riders to the Stars.
RON: Raspoutine. At 3.30 p.m.: Peter Pan.
STUDIO: "Orphée," 2nd week.
TEL OR: Appointment in Honduras, 2nd week.
ZION HALL: The Caine Mutiny.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: "Sans Laisser d'Adresse".
ESTHER: Take the High Ground.
MATMID: Sons of Slaves, 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.
MOGRABI: River of No Return.
OPHIR: Hill 24 Doesn't Answer, 11th week.
ORION: Dial M. for Murder.
TAMAR: The Passionate Friends, 3rd week. Matinees: Panic in the Street, continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.
YARON: "Le Mouton a Cinq Pattes," 4th week.

HAIFA

ORION: Duel in the Jungle.
ATZMON: Carnival Story, 2nd week.
PEER: "L'Age de l'Amour," 2nd week.
GAL OR: The Raid. Matinees: Rogues' Regiment.
MORIAH: Latin Lovers.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Egyptian, 3rd week.
ORAH: Living It Up.
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Omonia Loses One, Wins One

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Omonia, the Cyprus football team, had mixed luck in the first two games of its short tour in this country. After being defeated 4:1 by a Selected Petah Tikva side yesterday, they returned the compliment today by beating Kfar Saba Hapoel by a similar margin.

The Cypriots were somewhat unlucky to have lost so heavily against the Selected eleven made up of players from Maccabi and Hapoel. The local side were well on top in the first half, when centre forward Kaufman gave it a 2:0 lead. However, after the change-round, the visitors played clever soccer, but finished weakly. Their only goal was scored by Sodiris, while Selmack, the Petah Tikva inside left, netted twice. Yonis also missed a penalty for the home team.

Eight games were played in the fourth round of the Israel Cup competition. Several matches produced big scores: Haifa Maccabi overwhelmed Orthodox by 9:0, Petah Tikva got seven without reply against Nahariya Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi routed Tel Aviv Ben Yehuda 6:0. Biggest surprise of the results was Hadera Hapoel's success by 1:0 over the more fancied Tel Aviv Hapoel side.

Other results were: Tel Aviv Betar 2, Jaffa Hapoel 1, Ramat Gan Hapoel 2, Natanya Maccabi 1, Petah Tikva Maccabi 4, Mahane Yehuda 1.

ISRAEL CLINCHES PING PONG RUBBER IN S. AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, Saturday (Reuter). — Israel won the rubber against South Africa when it took the third table tennis international here on Thursday night by 10 matches to four. The visitors had won the previous internationals.

At East London on Tuesday night, the Israelis beat Border by 8 matches to one. The only loser for the visitors was Mrs. Leibnik, who fought hard against the triple Border champion, Mrs. Pam Van De Vyver, but went down 21-19, 8-21, 21-17.

TWO YOUTH RECORDS

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Two national youth records were established in the Hapoel Youth track and field competition here today. A. Einstein, of Tel Aviv, cleared 1m.81 in the high jump, while Edna Medalin, also from Tel Aviv, threw the javelin 34.85 metres. In a special event, Burnstein, of Mishmarot, equalled the existing youth record when he ran the 1,500 metres in four minutes, 11.6 seconds.

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St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.S., 7 p.m. H.C., as announced. Preacher: Canon H.R.A. Jones (Tel. 3712).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel). Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6.30 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship: 4 p.m. Bible class.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 16/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (co 19 Eilat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison. P.O.B.2779, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant: Episcopal): H.C., 7.30 a.m.: M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1797.

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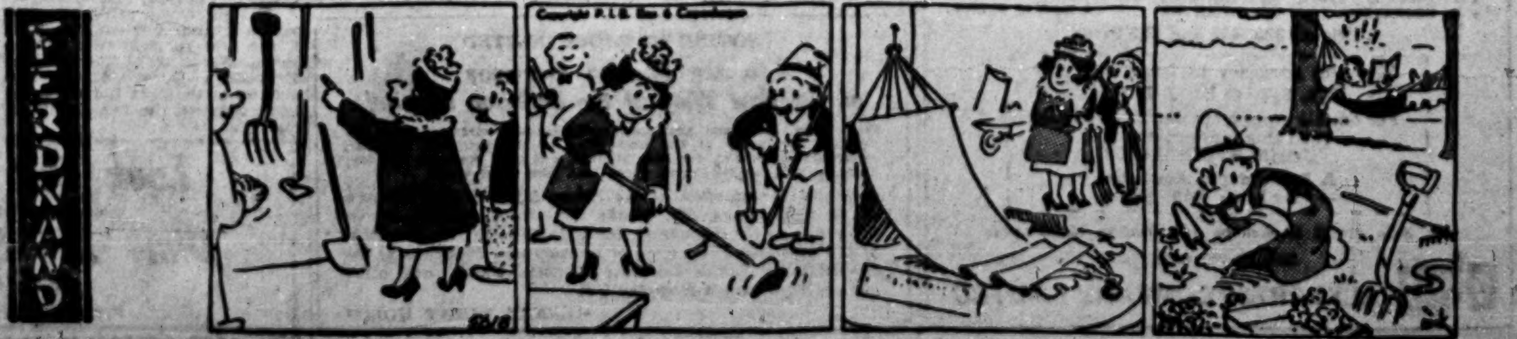

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Tiberias	25	19	37	33
Haifa Port	74	21	30	26
Natanya	65	17	28	27
Tel Aviv Port	79	17	25	25
Lydda Airport	37	11	32	29
Jerusalem	15	21	33	33
Beersheba	26	14	35	32
Eilat	—	26	41	38

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Mr. Haim Cohen, will lead the discussion on "Should debt defaulters be punished by imprisonment?" at tonight's Round Table programme on Kol Yisrael at 9.30.

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A SHIPMENT OF 700 tons of bricks from Italy is due today.

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A NEW 120-pruta airletter for European countries will be on sale at all post offices from Wednesday.

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THE ASSOCIATION of Indian Jews in Israel has announced that a national convention of Indian Jewish immigrants will take place in Tel Aviv on June 20 and 21. Immigrants from India, Burma and Pakistan are asked to communicate with the Secretariat of the Association, P.O.B. 2387, Tel Aviv, to receive invitations.

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SEVENTEEN OF THE 20 graduates of the mechanical drawing course which ended three weeks ago in Bat Galim have already found work. The Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Labour is to sponsor another course in a month.

Newcomers Await Decision On Future Home

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — The s.s. Artsa arrived here on Thursday morning with 228 immigrants, the majority from North Africa. They disembarked before the Shavuot holiday, although a dispute arose on where to send Orthodox newcomers from Demnat in Morocco. They are now at Sha'ar Ha'aliya pending a decision.

Among the newcomers were 25 *halutzim* from Argentina who are joining Kibbutz Revadim in the south, seven from Chile who are going to Kfar Szold in Upper Galilee, and six other immigrants from South America, some of whom are becoming members of settlements.

The ship also brought 12 newcomers from Poland, eight from Hungary and a family of four from Czechoslovakia. They included elderly persons and children, who are joining relatives. Two of the Poles have no family here.

From North Africa came 159 immigrants, most of whom were sent to settlements immediately. The dispute developed over the families from Demnat. The Hapoel Hamizrahi representative claimed that they were to go to the movement's village, Massua, in the South. A religious court in Demnat had decided that they might join a village of the Moshav movement. About 200 from Demnat who arrived on Monday are now at the Sha'ar Ha'aliya camp, awaiting a decision of the Jewish Agency Executive whether they will join the Hapoel Hamizrahi or Tnuat Hamoshavim villages. It was claimed that rumours are being circulated among these newcomers that the Hapoel Hamizrahi village was at a very dangerous spot near the border, and that it was safer to go to a Tnuat Hamoshavim village.

DUBINSKY DUE TUESDAY

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Federation of Labour, is expected to arrive here on Tuesday on his first visit to the country. His visit is regarded as of top importance because of his influential position in the American trade union movement, more so with the proposed merger of the A.F. of L. and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Accompanying Mr. Dubinsky will be Mr. Irving Brown, the European representative of the A.F. of L., and Mr. Morris Novik, the A.F. of L.'s radio and television publicity expert.

MONTOR PRIZE AT KAPLAN SCHOOL

Members of the clerical, administrative and executive staffs of the Israel Bond Organization in New York have established a Henry Montor Prize at the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences—the Hebrew University, as a tribute to the former head of the organization. The prize is to the value of $250 and will be awarded in 1956 and 1957 for the best essay by a student on "How Can Israel Best Achieve Economic Independence."

Tourism Survey Tops List Of Projects Getting USOM Funds

TEL AVIV, Saturday (USIS). — Agreements have just been signed in Tel Aviv by Dr. L. B. Hale, Director of the U.S. Operations Mission, and Mr. T. Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, for six new projects. They are a tourism survey, a research study into better and cheaper housing, a study of the feasibility of mineral production from Dead Sea brines, the development of a metallurgy laboratory at the Technion, the expanding of the Government's statistical services and the establishment by ORT of vocational centres for immigrant children. The U.S. is to finance the purchase of equipment for three to five centres as demonstration units.

The tourism survey set out as its purpose:

1. To inspect and evaluate, with an eye to tourist potential, archaeological and historical sites;
2. To survey hotel accommodation and prepare recommendations concerning improvements or changes which are essential to attract tourists and to cater to tourists' needs.
3. To survey existing transport facilities.

USOM has undertaken to contract with a competent individual, or firm, to execute this survey at a cost of $35,000 to $50,000.

The signing was announced by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, in the course of an address on Thursday to the Acre Rotary Club, on the subject of "Tourism — Crusade for International Understanding."

In housing, which is the second largest expenditure in the Development Budget, the imperative need had arisen for better and more durable constructions. This project, therefore, would examine the feasibility of a greater use than hitherto of precast concrete, which is a local product, and would mean saving in foreign exchange and a more rapid construction of housing units. It would conduct research into a better knowledge of foundation requirements for the prevention of cracking walls and general deterioration of structures.

15 Month Schedule

All these are expected to be carried out in 15 months at an outlay of $3,500 and IL37,000, mainly to meet salaries of Israel technicians.

The Dead Sea brines survey provides for a technical survey to determine if economic production of any of the minerals in the Dead Sea brines is warranted, and if so, to find the most efficient and practical method of exploitation. The total cost of this project is estimated at $75,000 and IL60,000.

The metallurgy project is designed to "supply the framework necessary to develop Israel's minerals and metals industries wisely. The total cost of the project, assuming two years' duration is calculated at $75,000 and IL135,000.

The expanding of the Government's statistical services calls for the establishment of an index of industrial production, a survey of consumer income and expenditure, and possibly a census of trade and services. The project will be executed at a cost of $60,000 and IL50,000 in the course of two years.

The ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) project, which is different in nature from the above and comes under the education and rehabilitation activities of USOM, envisages a $50,000 outlay on a demonstration basis to help in the establishment of 10 centres for immigrant children, which would teach approximately 1,000 boys and girls in various parts of the country.

Bernstein Tells Why GZ's Joined Coalition

The General Zionists did not join the coalition to save Mapai, but to save the State from its difficult economic position, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Bernstein, told a General Zionist meeting at Zion Hall in Jerusalem yesterday. He said that his party exerted a healthy influence on the Government.

Mr Bernstein asserted that the struggle for equality between the private and cooperative sectors in the country's economy was not yet over and that the General Zionists were the only alternative to Mapai.

CLEVELAND CARAVAN HERE ON STUDY TOUR

The Cleveland Caravan, a delegation of 20 business and civic leaders representing the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, arrived at Lydda Airport on Thursday by El Al for a 15-day study tour. The Caravan, headed by Mr. Henry A. Rocker, former President of the Federation, brought a letter of greeting to the people of Israel from Governor Lausche of Ohio, and a similar letter from Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze of Cleveland.

In the group are Mrs. ~~Jack J.~~ Block, former Women's Division Co-Chairman of JWF, Mrs. Albert J. Goodman, 1955 Women's Division Co-Chairman, Mr. David Apple, Mr. and Mrs. Max Apple, Mr. Leo Berman, Mr. Moe B. Horowitz, Mr. Morris Goodman, Miss Pearl Messing, Mrs. Hyman H. Mandelzweig, Mrs. Jennie Morse, Mrs. Lambert Oppenheim, Mrs. Phillip Slavin, Mr. Isadore Weinberger, Mr. Sam Wolfson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichtenstein and Mr. Sol J. Jaffe.

RETURN. — King Hussein and Queen Dina of Jordan are back in Amman after a four-day visit to King Faisal of Iraq.

Memorial Ceremony
and the Unveiling of the Tombstone of the late
Khedouri E. Ani

The ceremony will take place tomorrow, May 30, 1955, the 30th day of his passing away, at Beit Victor Ani, 18 Rehov Moshe Hagis, Zichron Moshe Quarter, Jerusalem, at 10.30 a.m. The participants will then depart for the cemetery and the unveiling of the tombstone.

The Bereaved Family

Iraqi Jewish Enterprises in Israel
The Iraqi Committee in Jerusalem

Pope Delighted By IPO Playing

ROME, Saturday (INA). — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra was received by Pope Pius XII in private audience on Thursday morning and played the second movement of Beethoven's Second Symphony in the Vatican's large Consistory Hall.

Conductor Paul Kletzki had requested that the Orchestra on its first visit to Italy play for the Pope as a gesture of gratitude for the help his church had given to all those persecuted by Nazi Fascism. The Vatican promptly accepted.

The Pope entered, accompanied by two cardinals, and raised his hand in blessing, while the orchestra members stood in silence. Mr. Kletzki asked for permission to play the announced composition. The Pope was pleasantly surprised, as Beethoven is one of his favourite composers. After the performance, the Pope applauded and thanked Mr. Kletzki, declaring "It was marvellous playing. What wonderful artists!"

On being told that the Orchestra was composed of musicians from 14 countries and that most of them had suffered persecution, the Pope expressed satisfaction that happiness was born from so much evil.

Tel Aviv Port Lit Up For Maritime Fete

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The port was lit up here tonight for the annual "Day of the Sea" celebrations organized by the Israel Maritime League.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labour, spoke of the country's early struggle to conquer the sea. "Once the sea separated us from our people all over the world, but today it serves as a bridge," she declared. The Minister said that she looked forward to the day when the chief purpose of incoming ships would be to bring in immigrants and that of outgoing vessels to carry the country's exports.

Thirty per cent of Israel's sea cargo and sixty per cent of her passengers were carried in ships flying the Israel flag, Mr. J. Sapir, Minister of Transport, stated. As a result of Reparations, the State's shipping industry was able to renew its vessels and compete with the rest of the world. He issued a call to youth to join the maritime services.

Mr. Haim Levanon, Mayor of Tel Aviv, called for the safeguarding of the port workers' rights.

Entertainments, dancing and singing, which went on far into the night, concluded the celebrations.

STORM HOLDS UP CARGO UNLOADING

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Loading and discharge of cargoes in the Port was interrupted on Wednesday because of a storm. Two vessels, the s.s. Eilat, with 1,500 tons of sugar, and the s.s. Argo, a Dutch vessel with a general cargo which had been partly discharged, left for Haifa. When the storm had subsided on Thursday, port workers continued unloading wheat from the British vessel, the s.s. Darson. (Itim)

Returner's Foreign Currency Deposited

HAIFA, Saturday. — The first request by an Israeli to open a foreign currency account in the Bank Leumi was made here on Thursday morning by a returning resident who arrived in the s.s. Artsa. He brought $150 and 35,000 francs (IL483), but instead of exchanging them for Israel pounds asked to deposit them as foreign currency.

He said that in the s.s. Artsa he had listened to the Kol Yisrael broadcast on Wednesday night announcing the new arrangement allowing Israelis to hold foreign currency deposits.

Bank officials, taken by surprise by the quick-thinking resident's request, deposited the money provisionally in his name, until they could receive further instructions.

Banks in Jerusalem, as well, had received no instructions on Thursday from the Ministry of Finance on opening dollar accounts for residents.

Moshe Waldmann Buried in Haifa

Moshe Waldmann, the veteran Zionist, who died recently during a private visit to Berlin at the age of 68, was buried in Haifa on Thursday. The coffin arrived from Paris on the s.s. Artsa on the same day.

Born in Bucovina, Waldmann studied in Vienna, joined Herzl and excelled soon as publicist and orator for Zionism. He wrote prolifically, mainly in Yiddish, German, Polish and French for Zionist organs throughout Europe. He attended nearly every Congress. In 1933, Waldmann left Germany for Paris, and in 1937 settled in Jerusalem. He remained in the country until 1946, when he returned to Paris.

His wife, friends, representatives of the Progressive Party, Zionist workers and journalists followed the bier to the grave.

PRISONER FOUND HANGING

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Avuhi Najati, a 43-year-old immigrant from Persia who was sentenced in November, 1952, to 15 years in prison for murdering his mother, was found hanging in his cell at the Tel Mond jail on Thursday. (Itim)

CRASH. — A giant B-36 bomber crashed in flames near San Angelo, Texas, after flying into a violent storm. All the crew of 15 were killed.

Noble Young Afghan Steps off Plane

Unannounced in the press, a noble young Afghan, called Amanullah, stepped down last Thursday from a K.L.M. plane at Lydda Airport, and, after a short quarantine, will be admitted to the country today. Amanullah is no relative of the late King of Afghanistan, who made Hindenburg an Afghan duke, but an Afghan hound of equally aristocratic lineage.

Afghan hounds with their fantastic plumage are the most beautiful of all the greyhounds. A local breeder has imported this dog, the first ever seen in the country, in order to cross him with local Salukis in an experiment to create a new breed.

For a time, Amanullah will be shown at the K.L.M. head office in Tel Aviv as part of a display of the variety of air-freight carried by the airline. Owners of Saluki bitches desiring an "alliance" will be able to sign Amanullah's engagement book at the office. (Th.P.M.)

Infant None the Worse For Sip of Kerosene

HAIFA, Saturday. — A one-year-old girl Hannah Ashel, of Rehov Amman in the Lower Town, was brought to the Magen David Adom by her mother this afternoon after having drunk kerosene. She was immediately taken to Rambam Hospital but was found none the worse for the unusual baby food and was sent home.

Three-year-old Edna Tenes, of Rehov Hashiloah, was brought to Rambam Hospital this morning after she had sliced off her thumb while playing with a meat mincing machine.

The Magen David Adom also reported that five persons stung by scorpions had come to the station for treatment, over the week-end. Most of the cases came from Nesher.

In Ramle, eight children were poisoned yesterday after eating sunflower seeds purchased in a local shop. Police closed the shop of Ya'acov Cohen, in Sderot Herzl, where a few kilograms of sunflower seed were found mixed with wheat grain poisoned against mice. All the children were given first-aid at Assaf Harofe Hospital and are reported out of danger, although three of them are still in hospital.

Fires Destroy Trees, Hay, Huts

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — Six fires broke out in Petah Tikva and its neighbourhood on Thursday afternoon. Two of them, in Ein Ganim, threatened huts and houses before they were put out. The third broke out in the Charifolit bitumen factory on the main Tel Aviv-Petah Tikva road. The fourth fire was reported at Rehov 16, Yahud, where a number of thorn bushes burst into flames. The fifth in the Rassco orchard at Sakiye, was extinguished with the help of many workers in the neighbourhood; while the sixth in the Givat Hashlosha Teachers Seminary was put out with the aid of the members of the Seminary and neighbours.

Large areas of grazing land and carob trees were burnt down in a fire which raged for more than 24 hours in the hills of Western Galilee near the Lebanese border, until it was put out this evening by the combined efforts of the fire brigade, the Police, Army and local settlement personnel.

It is believed that the fire was deliberately caused, as the blaze started in two places at once. The damage has not yet been ascertained.

About 250 dunams of hay worth IL5,000 were destroyed last Wednesday in a fire which broke out at the Beit Dagon experimental station near Ramle. The police believe that it was caused by a discarded lighted match.

Two wooden dwellings were burnt down in the Rehovot area, one at Kfar Yavneh last Thursday and the other at Kiryat Malachi on Friday.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IN W.GERMANY SPREADS

HAGEN, West Germany, Saturday (Reuter). — The death toll in the two-week-old typhoid fever epidemic here has risen to three and a fourth case has occurred in Darmstadt, south-west Germany. Health authorities said today the total of cases and suspected cases in Hagen district now stood at 378.

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Lively Election Fight Seen in Offing

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The general elections here are due to be much livelier than the Histadrut elections were, judging from the article Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Minister of Defence, published in "Davar" last Thursday.

Mr. Ben-Gurion did not mince his words in his definitions of opposition parties in the Histadrut elections. He said that Mapam had "boasted in vain" of being a growing pioneering force; that Ahdut Ha'avoda had won mainly in the urban areas and among *ma'barot* dwellers by using "slogans stolen from the Irgun Zvai Leumi," while it had actually lost support among the farm population; that the rise of Ha'oved Hazioni and Ha'oved Hadati were good signs, while the General Zionists, who gained some support among clerical workers and the working intellectuals, had no future because the movement had never established a settlement on the land when "even Herut" had set up two, since the creation of the State.

Nominations Committees

The Mapai Central Committee is expected to appoint its Nomination Committee tomorrow. The General Zionists' Nomination Committee has been working for a fortnight, but no final list is in sight. The Herut Nomination Committee had its first meeting last week. There is no Committee as yet for Ahdut Ha'avoda, and Mapam have not yet stated whether they have one. Among the Orthodox parties, the situation is complicated by the fact that negotiations are going on between Hapoel Hamizrahi and the Agudat Yisrael for a united Orthodox front. The negotiations seemed to reach a dead end last week, when Hatsofe, the Mizrahi daily, announced that Agudat Yisrael were undermining the chances for agreement.

So far, only the Communist list is ready.

The difficulty in drawing up a list lies in the peculiar system of representation which is followed by virtually all parties. Candidates are chosen on the strength of an estimate of their following, or the "Force" they represent. Each group in the party must be represented by a man who is liked and followed. The respect which the country has shown Knesset Members makes the post a valuable attraction for active politicians, and the nominations committees are subject to pressure from all sides.

Mrs. Shulman Donates Art to Bezalel

Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, National President of Hadassah, presented a collection of paintings of modern American art to the Bezalel Museum last night in memory of her husband, Herman Shulman.

Among those present were Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, Mrs. Zippora Sharett, the Israel Ambassador to the U.K. and Mrs. Elath, the Chairman of the Jewish Agency and Mrs. Locker, Chief Justice Olshan, the Secretary of the Jewish Agency and Mrs. Eisenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lourie and the District Representative, Mr. S. B. Yeshaya.

WORLD CONGRESS OF ICFTU ENDS

VIENNA, Saturday (UP). — The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions ended its fourth World Congress today. It approved a series of resolutions, including one calling for "vigilance against Communist infiltration" into the International Labour Office, and other U.N. organisations.

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DEATH TOLL IN U.S. TORNADOES NOW 117

UDALL, Kansas, Saturday (Reuter). — Tornadoes which swept through four states in two days have left behind them a death toll estimated at 117. More air funnels are on the way.

Kansas counted 67 dead, Oklahoma 20, Texas 13 and Missouri one. Property damaged is estimated in millions of dollars. Sixty-two of Kansas known dead were in this town of 500 persons blasted by the whirling winds on Wednesday night. Only three business buildings were left standing.

More than 200 persons are in hospitals or relief centres and the death toll is expected to rise.

Italian Teachers Strike; Million Children Out

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — Nearly a million Italian secondary school children went on an indefinite holiday today as most of their 52,000 teachers declared an all-out strike. It was the gravest educational strike ever declared in Italy, coming only six days before the end-of-year examinations were due to begin.

On the eve of the strike, called to win increases in what school teachers complain are "famine wages," the Government announced it would replace any secondary school headmasters who stayed away from work. The teachers are claiming immediate increases of at least 10,000 lire above the present minimum pay of 44,000 lire a month.

Four Dionne Quints Reach Adulthood

CALLANDER, Ontario, Saturday (UP). — The four surviving Dionne quintuplets became adults today and celebrated the occasion at a surprise reunion in their girlhood home.

Annette, Yvonne, and Cecile yesterday left Montreal, where they are studying. They were joined by Marie, and their parents, saddened by the absence of Emilie, who died last August.

A birthday present was a problem for the girls, as today they became eligible to receive their fortune estimated as $1m., and they already had practically everything they wanted.

POPE APPROVES OF NEW MARONITE HEAD

Pope Pius has cabled President Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon approving of the appointment of Boulus Muawesheh, 80, of Sur (Tyre) as Maronite Patriarch, according to NEABS yesterday.

He succeeds the late Antoine Arida, who died last week.

Hunters Chase Foxes—on Wheels

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A fox hunt — the fox on a motorcycle and the hunters mounting automobiles and motorcycles—was held here on Friday by the Automobile Club and Touring Association of Israel. Starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Kiryat Shalom crossroads, 11 cars and 21 motorcycles followed the "scent" — white stains on the road — through the tortuous 30-kilometre route, ending with the "kill" in the Herzl forest near Ben-Shemen.

It took 45 minutes for the first motorcycle to reach the forest, and five minutes later the first car came bumping along the rough track through the pines. Because of the many false scents at road forks, many of the pursuers did not arrive until over two hours after starting time, and 11 of them not at all. One or two even found themselves on the other side of the city.

At 12 o'clock, all those failing to find the quarry were allowed to open a sealed envelope containing the location of the after-hunt get-together at Lydda Airport.

A cup and plaques were awarded to the winning hunters. In view of the unanimously acclaimed success of the "meet," it was decided to hold another in the near future with the hope of many more participants.

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ELECTIONS

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ty by more than 3,000.

Mr. Geoffrey de Freitas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Office in the last Labour Government, was attacked by an angry crowd on Thursday night after his re-election as member for Lincoln. As he left the drill hall where the count had taken place, his car was boarded by crowds who threw missiles at him, breaking his glasses.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, industrial share values rose to a record level. Interest was focused mainly on industries freed from fears of control by a Labour Parliament.

Only 76.73 per cent of the 35 million electorate went to the polls, compared with over 80 per cent in the 1950 and 1951 elections.

Appearing on television last night, the Prime Minister said that the "quiet" election had been an expression of adult democracy.

"I am told we have made history... it is something like a hundred years since any government ever asked the country for reinforced support for the work it has to do and received a large majority."

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, following Sir Anthony on the screen, said that he thought divisions within the Labour party had influenced the floating vote against it, but he was sure that these divisions would be healed.

Most observers predict an early show-down between the Bevanites and Right-Wingers in the Labour Party. The former suffered rather heavier defeats than the Morrison-Gaitskell majority and are held responsible by leaders of the Party for the reduced Labour vote.

In other Western capitals, the Conservative victory was greeted as a token of stability in Britain's foreign policy. At a diplomatic cocktail party in Moscow, Mr. V. Molotov, the Foreign Minister, said merely that the election result "was nothing unexpected." (Reuter, UP)

U.S. VACCINE FIRMS ACCEPT NEW STANDARDS

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — All six firms making the new Salk anti-polio vaccine have agreed to accept the Government's new standards for manufacturing and testing it.

Dr. Jonas Salk who developed the vaccine, said "The picture is most hopeful," but gave no estimate of how soon the vaccine would again be available for inoculations. Surgeon-General Dr. Leonard A. Scheele said later that the new safety standards "represent the best that science can give us."

Cables in Brief

ENGAGED. — The engagement of Dr. Roger Bannister, the British athlete and first man to run a mile in less than four minutes, to Miss Moyar Elver Jacobson of Switzerland, was announced yesterday in the social columns of "The Times" and the "Daily Telegraph."

CONQUERED. — A French mountaineering expedition has conquered the 27,790 foot (8,515 metres) peak of Makalu in Nepal, fifth highest in the world, All-India Radio announced.

INDONESIA. — More than 200 houses were burned down by terrorists of the "Islamic Indonesian Army" in the Tjiandpur area, 80 kilometres south of Jakarta.

BIKINIS. — The Italian Government has banned bikinis in beauty contests. The Interior Minister told a questioner in Parliament that the police have orders to enforce the ban and to prevent participation of girls under 18 years of age in beauty contests.

POPULATION. — The population of the U.S. has reached an estimated 165 million persons. The figure was registered on a "census clock," an electrical device which keeps the country's population growth on the basis of statistical averages.

ISRAEL ELECTED TO U.N. COMMITTEES

Israel was elected to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population of ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of U.N.) last Thursday in New York.

Britain, the U.S., the U.S.S.R., Belgium and Venezuela were the other states elected to the Commission on the Status of Women. The Lebanon was among those defeated. Israel's representative on this Commission will be Mrs. Zina Harman.

The other states elected to the Population Commission were France, Norway, China and the Ukraine. Israel's representative will be Professor R. Bachi, Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics.

FIRST HIROSHIMA GIRL GETS PLASTIC SURGERY

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — Atsuko Yamamoto, 24, first Hiroshima girl to undergo plastic surgery here to atom-bomb scars, was reported in good condition today. Mt. Sinai Hospital officials said that the operation on Thursday was successful.

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THE arrival today of the Prime Minister of Burma is the first State visit by the head of a foreign Government to Israel and it is appropriate that the visitor should be one who has been chosen to guide the destinies of a people which has such close and friendly ties with this country.

ISRAEL AND BURMA

Burma first recognized Israel on December 7, 1949, but little was done to bring the two peoples together in anything more than formal ties until three years later. In fact Burma at first appeared to side with the Arabs and at the United Nations voted for the resolutions put forward by them almost automatically. A change came about in September 1952, following the visit to this country of a small deputation led by U Kyau Nyein, one of the central figures of the Burmese Government and a leader of the Socialist Party. Before coming to Israel the Nyein delegation had toured Yugoslavia, France, Sweden, Norway, Britain, Syria and the Lebanon. In this country they visited private and cooperative industries, agricultural settlements and army installations.

The importance of the visit as a means of fostering better relations between Israel and the Asian world was thoroughly appreciated here but what helped determine Burma's attitude was the admiration the Burmese felt for the achievements of the State of Israel under a leadership so closely approximating Burma's own social philosophy. It was at the time of this visit that the Histadrut offered to put their experience at the disposal of any Asian country that required it.

A second Burma delegation followed some months later and were impressed by the similarity of the many problems facing our country and theirs, both freshly launched on their careers as independent nations. Indeed a basic factor in forming the friendly relationship between the two countries was the help and advice which Israel has been ready and able to give Burma whenever invited to do so. Many study delegations from that country have come here. Among the subjects to which particular interest has been devoted have been cooperation in many of its practical aspects, of which Israel presents unique and pioneering features; agricultural organization, particularly *kibbutzim*, and other joint and communal forms of settlement; the Israel army, industry and vocational training. In addition Israel advisory and expert teams in all these subjects are at present active in Burma.

In December 1953 an Israel Legation was set up in Rangoon and only this month a Burmese diplomatic mission opened in Israel.

Side by side with this rapprochement between the two peoples on opposite sides of Asia has come a valuable measure of cooperation in the international sphere, particularly in United Nations and its subsidiary bodies. Burma has extended consistent support to Israel in the Asiatic arena. One of the most recent examples was the vain fight for an invitation to be extended to the Bandung conference from which Israel was excluded through the prejudice of the Arab states and Pakistan.

What is significant and encouraging about Burmese-Israel relations on Burma's part is that they have been motivated by reasons of principle which it is rare in this difficult world to find expressed so clearly in the attitude of a sovereign state. Burma, under the leadership of our distinguished guest, U Nu, holds certain political faiths and doctrines dear, and these basically ethical propositions she found reflected in much of what this country is doing and trying to do. For this reason and in defiance of all kinds of pressures, she remains our friend and it is to be hoped that the present visit will bring even closer together the two countries that possess so many natural affinities.

Profile of U Nu, Burma's Prime Minister

An Aesthete Thrust Into Politics

By D. G. E. HALL

ON the fourth day of January, 1948, Burma became an independent state. 'On this day of days,' said her Prime Minister, 'our thoughts turn to the land we live in, a beautiful land rich in the resources which bounteous nature has provided, and full of sunshine and the laughter of happy people.' That was U Nu speaking to the multitudes assembled in Bandoola Square, Rangoon, to celebrate their first independence day.

Only five months earlier Burma's leader, General Aung San, and his Cabinet had been struck down by U Saw's hired assassins, and I have often thought how lucky it was for Burma that U Nu—or Thakin Nu, as he was called then—was not present. Although Aung San's closest confidant, he was not a minister. At the time he was Speaker of the Constituent Assembly, charged with the task of debating the constitution which was to come into force when Burma became independent. He had always sought to avoid the limelight in public affairs. He probably preferred to be the power behind the scenes. And in fact he was the oracle whom Aung San himself consulted before reaching any decision.

No Escape from Politics, but...

For one who describes himself as a dreamer, anxious to spend his time in study, play-writing, and religious devotions—and he spends two hours daily at his religious exercises—he seems to have been singularly unsuccessful in escaping the hurly-burly of politics.

Born in 1907, he was growing up at a time when Burmese nationalism was becoming increasingly conscious of itself and insistent in its demands. He was educated at the Myoma National High School, Rangoon—a school which was founded as a result of the nation-wide boycott of the established education system in 1920. After taking his degree at Rangoon University, he himself became the head of another national school with a similar origin. Later, when he returned to the university to study law, the Students' Union had become a hotbed of political agitation. He took part in its activities, and became its president. The secretary was Aung San, and although U Nu was nine years older they became fast friends. Their friendship was to become a major influence in the lives of both.

On the outbreak of World War II, Thakin Nu moved a resolution at an emergency conference of the Dobama Asiayone urging Burmans to withhold cooperation with Britain save on condition of a guarantee to complete independence after the war. After this he was arrested and sentenced to two years in prison.

...He Wanted to Be a Writer

Six months before his sentence was due to end, the Japanese occupation of Burma brought about his liberation. In jail, he had written no less than five plays as well as two novels. He had already written numerous plays while at college. He was an enthusiast for European drama, and he left prison fully determined to become an English playright.

But again he was drawn into political life. For in August, 1943, the Burmese ex-Premier, Dr. Ba Maw, became head of the quasi-independent government created by the Japanese, and invited Thakin Nu to be Minister for Foreign Affairs. When at first he refused the post, he tells us in his book, "Burma under the Japanese," Ba Maw said: 'Look at him. All he says is that he wants to be a writer. I had much the same mad idea when I was young, but I've got over it.' When Nu reported his decision to his party leaders they were equally unsympathetic, and after a tremendous argument forced him to give way.

As Foreign Minister, he found relations with the Japanese intolerable. He became ill, and was allowed by Ba Maw to change over to the Ministry of Information. His new position brought him into close touch with the underground resistance movement, of which the present Communist rebel leader, Thakin Than Tun, was then the moving spirit. He became the keeper of everyone's secrets, and in the last few months before the Japanese collapse, literally held the lives of those who were working against the Japanese in his hands.

Unique Position

Thakin Nu's close friendship was invaluable to Aung San when the latter was engaged upon the delicate operation of switching over the Burma National Army from the Japanese to the Allied side. So when the war ended, Thakin Nu had come to hold a unique position in the nationalist movement: and its strength lay in the fact that he was well known to have no political ambitions.

In the autumn of 1947, Thakin Nu, a Prime Minister in succession to the assassinated Aung San, led a goodwill mission to Britain to arrange the details of the transfer of sovereignty.

"Remarkable Achievement"

During its first year of life in 1948, the infant Union of Burma was beset by the most formidable dangers. Communist and Karen revolts, treason in the Army, and even in the volunteer force built up by Aung San—all these might well have brought complete disaster. That the country has survived them is due in large measure to the steadfast character and moral courage of U Nu.

His is a remarkable achievement, for he has not Aung San's innate genius for leadership. He shrinks from the use of force. There is nothing of either the soldier or the dictator in his make-up. The impatient sometimes call him weak. But his own view as a pious Buddhist is that in matters of internal peace the way of gentleness is preferable to violence; and it is only when all hopes of achieving success by peaceful means have been exhausted that violent methods must be used. His Government, however, has had to deal firmly with disorder, and it may well be that U Nu's moderating influence has laid the foundations for the success of the Union.

One of the chief causes of the downfall of the old kingdom of Burma was its isolation and parochialism. Knowing how strong these influences remain, I have been particularly struck by U Nu's efforts to make his people realize that they belong to a wider community.

U Nu is a Socialist, and his Government has right from the start pursued a Socialist policy. For various practical reasons, it has had to modify very considerably the original plans for wholesale nationalization with which it started off. U Nu himself has seen the dangers that are involved. He has laid down that the policy of nationalization must be 'realistic,' and has laid a restraining hand upon the doctrinaire hotheads.

VIETNAM'S UNEASY CALM

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

SAIGON, (OFNS). — ALTHOUGH relative peace has been restored to Saigon, political observers fear the surface calm may be shattered any moment by the numerous elements of discord which still threaten the future of South Vietnam.

At first glance considerable progress appears to have been made towards stabilizing the situation here in the past two weeks. In Paris the Americans and French agreed to support Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and that the future status of Bao Dai as Head of State would be decided only by a National Assembly to be elected as soon as possible. In Saigon the Premier dissolved his disintegrating government and formed a new Cabinet. Meanwhile the Binh Xuyen rebels had been pushed out of Saigon and the Government had regained control of the national security and police services.

However, Diem's proposal to hold a quadripartite conference here reflects his dissatisfaction with Vietnam not being represented at the Paris talks. It is known that in contrast to the decisions then taken, the Vietnamese Premier is bent on sacking Bao Dai and proclaiming a republic as soon as possible. He is credited with the desire to become the first president, and some observers believe he is reluctant to organize the election of a National Assembly which might not confirm him in power. He would prefer to use the Revolutionary Committee, which now acts with the full approval of his government, to whip up popular feeling against Bao Dai.

An examination of the new Government, whose ostensibly neutral nature was calculated to appease the opposition, also reveals it is largely Diem's personal instrument. Apart from the five pro-Diem Parties represented on it, five of the six so-called Independent Ministers are in fact supporters of Diem and his entourage.

There is already the threat of further widespread disorders in the provinces. In order to stifle the Nationalist opposition, the Premier has closed up "Tu Quyet" the organ of the anti-Communist Dai Viet revolutionary party, and the most recent of a long line of arbitrarily banned newspapers, and has ordered the National Army to mass its battalions in Annam for an all-out attack on the Dai Viet passive resistance forces.

Cao Dai Pope

The Binh Xuyen, driven from the capital, are holding out stolidly against the Government to the south. In west and central Cochin-China all three Hoa Hao generals have refused to negotiate with the Government. General Lam Thanh Hnguyen, who earlier seemed ready to rally to Diem, was reliably reported today to have evacuated his headquarters at Chao Doc and to have taken to the ricefields with his troops.

Furthermore, published reports that the Cao Dai Pope declared a week ago in favour of the Revolutionary Committee have now proved false. He refused to become its honorary president, accused Bao Dai of a measure of responsibility for the recent conflict, and has since declared Cao Dai soldiers must choose between Diem and their own religion.

The principal fear here, however, has been that General Nguyen Van Hinh, special envoy of Bao Dai, would enter Vietnam from Cambodia, subvert part of the National Army, and organise a coup d'etat in conjunction with the sects. Here again, published reports say Hinh has given up such plans and returned to France from Cambodia but there are persistent claims from Cambodia but there are persistent claims from several quarters that Hinh is now in western Cochin-China (southern province of Vietnam) and in contact with Army representatives and sect leaders.

Meanwhile, although the fighting has ceased in this city, there is widespread uneasiness. Wholesale arrests have been carried out and the Government is known to have drawn up a long black-list. The Chinese population in Cholon is being victimized by some police and Army personnel, who use the accusation "pro-Binh Xuyen" to cover unjustified arrests and extortion. Continued anti-French feeling was underlined this week by two major incidents including the explosion of a grenade in a French Navy cinema, wounding 28. In turn, French circles have become virulently critical of the Americans and a violent Press war has started between the newspapers of their two countries.

Thursday's Press

Aspects of Foreign Relations

"DAVAR" (Histadrut) praises the important work done by our Ambassadors abroad, now in Jerusalem for consultations. "Haboker" (General Zionist) agrees with Mr. Abba Eban's statement, made in a speech in Tel Aviv, that Israel's feeling of isolation is exaggerated and that no country in our time has been accorded greater foreign support than Israel. The paper says, however, that our foreign policy makers have been partly responsible in the past for painting too rosy a picture of our standing in the world. Were it not for such exaggerations, there would perhaps be no feeling of disappointment now. The paper also feels that it is true we have not yet organized an effective information campaign abroad, though resolutions to intensify it have been adopted.

Most Thursday newspapers also carried special features dedicated to the visit of the Burmese Prime Minister in Israel including an article by Mr. W. Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, in "Omer" (Histadrut); biographies of U Nu, and reports on Burma and Asian socialism in general. "Zmanim" (Progressive), deals with Burmese-Israel relations in an article entitled "A mission of hope." Mr. Menahem Begin, writing in "Herut," polemises against Mr. Sharett (in connection with his "Newsweek" interview), and Mr. Bernstein. The writer argues that the Government has allowed all "historical opportunities" to go unexploited. He believes that although the Austrians had less of a chance to get rid of Zhukhov's armies than Israel of Jamal Abdul Nasser's forces in Gaza, Chancellor Raab succeeded where Mr. Sharett has failed . . .

"Zmanim" deals with a new problem which has arisen all of a sudden — the (political) definition of North African immigrants: 35 families have been sent to a transit camp instead of the village that had originally been scheduled for them until some agreement is reached between the parties concerned. The paper says that the emissaries of the orthodox parties are mainly responsible for this unedifying spectacle. The paper thinks that Hapoel Hamizrahi, which holds all the key positions in the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, apparently exploits its monopoly in a way that is grossly unfair. In view of the great difficulties in the way of the immigration and absorption of North African Jews and the great urgency of the matter no efforts should be squandered "hunting souls."

Mr. David Ben-Gurion comments in "Davar" on five basic lessons of the Histadrut elections, analysing the returns and comparing them with those of past elections. He deals mainly with the fall in the vote of the former Mapam components.

Readers' Letters

AKIBA ULPAN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As an American student at the Akiba Ulpan in Natanya, I would like to comment on my happy experiences here during the past few months, in the hope that it will be of some help to other newcomers who intend studying Hebrew.

The students, who come from many lands, have lived comfortably in lovely, quiet surroundings, under a warm and interested management and with a very able staff of teachers. In such a favourable atmosphere for study, we have all prospered in our Hebrew and acquired new insights into the country.

I have been authorised by the student body to state that this letter represents the sentiments of each and every one of them.

Yours, etc.
BESS HERMAN

Natanya, May 17.

MORNING NOISES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Can it be that I am the only Jerusalemite who is awakened almost every morning at 6.45 or so by the harsh shouts of the iceman?

This may be a convenient hour for some people to get their ice, but what of the sleep of others who keep to a different time schedule? Are there no municipal ordinances for their protection?

Yours, etc.
SLEEPLESS
(Name and address supplied)

Jerusalem, May 20.

STAMPS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I through your columns appeal to the various institutions and political parties to use stamps instead of the rubber stamp "Payé" on the material they mail. I admit that it may take a few minutes more to affix the stamps but it will give great joy to children who collect stamps. So please use stamps, and if possible, attractive ones, like Aliyat Hanoar stamps.

Yours, etc.
JAN HAVRAN

Jerusalem, May 22.

Parliamentary Report

No Charity Before the Elections

By LEA BEN-DOR

THERE was an uneasy atmosphere in the Knesset last week during the discussion of the amendments to the Election Law, and a general feeling that this bill should not have been left until so late in the year. The amendment, which will make it possible for Israelis abroad to vote abroad if they are on official duty there, has now passed its first reading, and will have to go to Committee for final polishing before it is returned to the House for the final reading, presumably on the very eve of the elections themselves.

The opposition has throughout treated the amendment with open cynicism, for though it involves only purely technical points, it is of course true, as they claim, that the majority of the members of diplomatic missions abroad are members of pro-government parties, and that it is mainly the Coalition that stands to benefit by the amendment. Mapai members, as much as others, agree that it will not be possible to set up all-party election committees to supervise procedure abroad, and that it is going to be difficult to maintain full secrecy where single votes are going to arrive from specific places, though Mr. Ya'acov Shapiro suggested the envelopes from abroad should only be opened together with the local voters' envelopes. It is estimated that only 600 votes are involved altogether, and it seems doubtful whether the elaborate procedure needed to collect them is worth the result. There is a likelihood that the Committee will cut down on the categories of persons who may vote abroad, if only to stop the carefully poisoned insinuations that have been circulated.

Mr. Rokach, Minister of Interior, was offered another opportunity to display his customary irony when a Mapai member, Mr. Reuven Shari, surprisingly embarked on a battle of accusations with the Histadrut faction now nearest his own party — Ahdut Ha'avoda — claiming that there had been deliberate interference with voting procedure in the Histadrut elections. Opponents of Mapai on the election committees, he said, had tried to keep voting numbers low and to this end had caused delays by failing to find names and challenging the photographs in membership booklets. Mr. Bar Yehuda (Ahdut Ha'avoda) joined in this game by asking Mr. Rokach what he intended to do to assure that there was no interference with the coming elections, and Mr. Rokach was able to emerge triumphant and smiling with the suggestion that perhaps next time the Histadrut would invite him to supervise their elections, as they are entitled to do under the Associations Elections Law... There have been so many charges and counter charges of dishonesty and undue influence on voters that it is sometimes difficult to remember that much of this also is election propaganda of a particularly vicious kind, for it undermines public confidence in all parties equally.

MANY people are of the opinion that Herut has been steadily losing its membership, former supporters drifting off in the direction of Ahdut Ha'avoda, for the activists, and the General Zionists, for those who approved the party mainly for its opposition to Mapai cooperative economics. It is difficult to judge what progress Herut may have made in immigrant settlements where they have worked hard to make friends, and not without benefit to the newcomers, who in many cases continue to suffer from a feeling of isolation. In the Knesset itself they have certainly lost prestige lately by their policy of absenting themselves from important votes (as they did again on the Election Bill) whenever they cannot make up their minds to vote with the left-wing opposition, and do not want to be forced into the position of seeming to support the Government. Their quandary, which is not solved by total abdication, is possibly another proof that there can be no genuine political activity or proper representation of voters in the Knesset unless the smaller factions are prepared to merge themselves in major blocs. In the last resort, a party can only either support or oppose any particular measure, and there are no six or seven different ways of doing this that would enable the mutually hostile opposition groups to retain positive identities. It is the inescapable logic of the two-way vote that has killed the Liberal Party in Britain, whose passing so many people regret, as much as voting by electoral districts; perhaps in the end the various aspects of the opposition in Israel will appreciate that they will become effective only when they coalesce with the majority parties to become an active ferment inside the party deliberations.

THERE was once more a great deal of talk about censorship. Mr. Bar Yehuda is a determined champion of the rights of the individual, no matter even if the individual should happen to be a General Zionist. In question time last week he asked whether there was any truth in the allegations made by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Peretz Bernstein, in a signed article in "Haboker", that the telephones of non-Mapai Ministers and others were being tapped by "party squads".

Firm Reply

The Prime Minister replied firmly that no party squads of any kind have been instructed by the Government to act as spies; on the contrary, if anyone had reliable information of such activities they were invited to take this to the authorities for investigation. This exchange was followed by a second question by Mr. Ami Assaf, the Mapai whip, which gave the Prime Minister an opportunity to point out that Mr. Bernstein had not attempted to investigate his charges by the direct method that might be thought open to a Cabinet minister before permitting his article to be published. Mr. Sharett said that his colleague had reported one alleged case of wire-tapping which did not involve a member of the Cabinet, that the charge had proved unfounded, and that he had asked Mr. Bernstein for further information, but had received no reply.

Mr. Sharett, who is a stickler for accuracy, was careful to say that he did not know what the party of the original questioner (Mr. Bar Yehuda), or of his friend the Minister of Trade and Industry, or any other party represented in the Knesset might each, on its own initiative, be doing in order to obtain information in which it was interested. It does not seem very likely, on the other hand, that even the most lawless of party organizations would go to the length of tapping Mr. Bernstein's official wire, if that was indeed the implication of the original article, for he has been only moderately involved in matters that have a bearing on party politics. Ever since the great Coalition crisis of last year, when the General Zionists for a period rejected collective Cabinet responsibility, there has been a rash of revelations and pronouncements by non-Mapai ministers, with an occasional convenient newspaper "leak" when the matter involved was a dispute at a Cabinet session. With so many secrets finding their way into the press quite openly, why should anyone go to the trouble and expense of tapping wires?

Nature Notes

Snails on Nabariya Beach

WHEN we were children, passionately interested in all forms of life including the molluscs, we had two uses for snails, I remember: we let the Common wood snails *(Cepea hortensis)* run races, usually on a window pane, to the disgust and horror of female grown-ups, and we liked to watch the large Vineyard snails *(Helix pomatia)* feed, for the funny way they draw in a leaf and make it vanish rapidly. But I don't think our interest ever went deeper, and indeed these little molluscs, unless you know a great deal about them, seem very remote indeed. Even when you have seen a love affair between two snails, conducted with passion and a certain grace, you cannot whip up much enthusiasm or enter into their emotions.

Still, lying on the black rocks of Nahariya beach — a courtesy title if ever there was one — and seeing some sea-snails advancing and retreating, I did turn over on my stomach to see what they were doing, for these sea-snails are very different from the land snails we are used to.

One is a pretty thing, its house cone-shaped and neatly checkered in dark grey and white, two or three centimetres broad and high. When left high and dry, it put up a door, prefabricated, not like the lid the garden snails produce when they estivate. But as long as the rocks are wet it walks along looking for bits of algae, and its walk is the funny thing. It does not crawl along with the whole of its body, like the land snail, head and feelers held high. It only protrudes ever so slightly from its shell, and its feelers are used alternately on the ground, tapping as a blind man does with his stick! It is the *Monodonta turbiformis*, and quite entrancing to watch. *P.A.*

Open Letter to the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Trade and Industry

Allow me to address you thus, openly, for I think that the matter which I am going to set out, ought to be made known both to you and to the public.

1. I am a tourist from Italy, and wishing to invest my capital and settle in this country, have set up a factory for special shoes for children, in Petah Tikva. The relations with the workers in my plant were at all times exemplary.

2. On January 5, 1955 a large crowd of people, sent, as I found out later, by the General Labour Exchange Office of Petah Tikva, suddenly burst into the plant, caused damage and havoc to my property, and injured me as well as several of the employees.

3. On the following day I was invited by the Tel Aviv Branch of the Labour Ministry to a meeting concerning the "labour dispute" that had allegedly broken out in my plant. There I met the representatives of the Labour Exchange and the Histadrut Council of Petah Tikva, and was informed for the first time about their alleged claims as to a settlement of labour relations in my plant. On asking why I, the workers and the factory had been unlawfully assaulted, they replied that none but the "usual methods" had been applied.

4. Despite all the injuries, pain and anguish, physcial as well as moral, that I was caused, I agreed that my civil claims against them be arbitrated by an official of the Ministry of Labour and also to conduct direct negotiations regarding the conclusion of a labour agreement.

5. After the incident in my factory, the Police of Petah Tikva started an investigation, but for some reason they say that this investigation is not yet completed and the offenders have not yet been brought to trial, although the circumstances of the incident — which happened five months ago — are clear enough.

6. At the third session of the arbitration, the representatives of the Histadrut Council of Petah Tikva and of the Labour Exchange there suddenly came forward with the demand that I apply to the Police to drop their investigation, to close their file and to refrain from bringing the offenders to trial; otherwise they would not continue to take part in the arbitration proceedings and would apply the "usual methods" again.

7. I did not agree to their request, for to the best of my knowledge such an intervention on my behalf would be illegal and because I think that my civic and moral duty is to insist that offenders and rioters be brought to justice.

8. After my refusal, the representatives of the Labour Exchange and of the Histadrut Council left the session and now I have nothing but to expect the renewal of violence by so called "organized workers" against me and my plant, as could be gathered from their declaration before the arbitrator.

9. I think that I have shown a maximum of patience and goodwill throughout this miserable affair, but if any more terror should be employed against me or against the plant, I shall have but one choice, to liquidate the factory and leave the country.

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